

**Outreach Mission Statement**

*Guided by the Holy Spirit we seek **to recognize** the spiritual and other human needs of individuals and communities near and far and **to respond** in a manner that is biblically sound, culturally relevant, and builds relationships as we work together **to support** God's Mission.*

**\*OUTREACH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR\***

- **Super Bowl of Caring:** Sunday February 12, all morning. Watch for youth with their pots and pans ready and willing to accept your donations (cash, checks, Kiosk (no coins please). Help us tackle hunger in our community.
- **World Hunger Appeal:** During Lent, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup>, see details below
- **Allentown 6<sup>th</sup> Street Shelter, Adopt-An-Apartment:** Collection starting in February, official adoption in March, see details below.
- **Angel Network** – Collection starting in March, details will be included in the next newsletter

**\* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES \***

**\*ADOPT-AN-APARTMENT\***



As mentioned in the January newsletter, the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit is **adopting an apartment at the Sixth Street Shelter** in March. We are collecting **specific new** items in February to prepare our apartment for a new family. Check out the Signup Genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BAAAF2BA7F9CE9-lchs1> to sign up. **Please bring donated items to the Fellowship lobby/coat closet.** If you are not able to purchase items and prefer to contribute monetarily towards one of the larger items, please send your donation to LCHS and mark as ‘Sixth St Shelter’. If you cannot access the online signup, please contact Brenda Truhe at [bltruhe@hotmail.com](mailto:bltruhe@hotmail.com) or 484-725-2488 to discuss what items are needed.

Additionally, we will need volunteers to help prepare the apartment for the new family, e.g. do light repairs, paint and/or clean. The apartment can turn over in a few days. So we are looking for individuals, families and youth, to help on short notice to carry/transport supplies and spruce up the apartment.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the apartment setup, please contact Carole Wetherhold at [crwether@icloud.com](mailto:crwether@icloud.com) or 610-360-3715. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

The Sixth Street Shelter was started by Community Action in downtown Allentown in 1984 and offers 25 apartments to homeless families. It is the only shelter in the Lehigh Valley to offer families the privacy and security of a furnished apartment with a complete kitchen for 30 - 90 days. When a family leaves the shelter, they are permitted to take the items LCHS provided to their new home.

We are currently collecting in order to set up the apartment for the first family. Once this is completed, we expect to do a Spring and Fall collection to gather specific new items so we can prepare the apartment for each new family for 12 months.

This Outreach project is a commitment to our community and your participation is critical to its success. If you would like to be involved in this project, please reach out to the individuals listed above.

### **\*ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL\***

During this Lenten Season we will be focusing on support of the ELCA World Hunger effort.

Over 821 million people in the world, 11% of the world's population, are hungry. In the United States alone over 40 million people are unsure where their next meal is coming from.

The ELCA World Hunger program is making a difference around the world. Ending hunger is about more than just providing food; it is about providing a road to long-term sustainability and change. The ELCA is actively involved in:

Connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water.  
Provide education, health care and sources of income to bring about long-term sustainability.

In 2017, ELCA World Hunger support topped \$21.3 million in aid. The ELCA World Hunger program is active in 62 countries in the world including the United States. Projects supported by the ELCA World Hunger program include:

Establishing health clinics  
Providing micro loans  
Building water wells  
Establishing animal husbandry programs  
Providing community meals  
Establishing advocacy programs to influence country and local governments

The ELCA World Hunger programs provides valuable assistance around the globe. This program depends on financial support from ELCA congregations like Holy Spirit. We can help support these efforts during this Lenten season. Matthew 25:35 states this best; "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."

#### **Here are the various ways you can donate:**

- Go to the Holy Spirit on-line donation form [here](#) and enter your donation amount on the World Hunger line.
- Use your weekly offering envelope by entering "World Hunger" and your donation amount on the Special Gifts line or use the special Lenten Offering envelope, contributions to which will go to World Hunger this year.
- Send your check to the church office payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, noting World Hunger on the check memo line.

Your donations will be life supporting, sustaining, and appreciated. Thank you!

**\*EAST PENN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS\***

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on February 11<sup>th</sup> at Faith Presbyterian Church Emmaus for East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors, one of our benevolence partners. You can call the church at 610-967-5600 to get “early bird” tickets for savings. Here’s the flyer with more information.



The flyer features a central grey hexagon with the text "SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER" in red and blue. To the right is a photo of spaghetti with meat sauce and cheese, with the text "GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!" and "TICKETS PROVIDED BY FAITH CHURCH, EMMAUS". Below the central hexagon are two red hexagons: the left one contains the date and time "FEBRUARY 11\* @ 5 PM & 7 PM", ticket prices "EARLY BIRD \$8 \$10 AT DOOR", and "KIDS 2 AND UNDER ARE FREE"; the right one contains the location "FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EMMAUS" and "3002 N 2ND ST EMMAUS, PA 18049". At the bottom left is the logo for "east penn neighbors helping neighbors" with a house icon. At the bottom right is the contact information for "FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EMMAUS (810) 967-5600".

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\* FEBRUARY 25 IN CASE OF SNOW

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## \*FOOD BANK AND MEMORIAL GARDENS\*

The growing season is fast approaching as we look forward to warmer weather to begin planting. The recipients of our past harvests have been so, so very thankful for fresh produce. If you'd like to help with the garden please contact Marilyn Egner at 610-442-8112.

As warmer weather approaches we are also challenged to keep our Memorial Garden and our church grounds in general looking beautiful. If you'd like to help with tasks along these lines, please contact Mike Epperly at 484-626-3490.

## \*OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES\*

**Love for the Least** – Contributions for the support of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Tanzania totaled \$3,785 as of January 22nd. With that generosity, Holy Spirit members have ensured that care is given to numerous tiny children of God struggling in their first days of life.

## Outreach Mission Team Action Groups and Leaders

If you would like to join an Action Group, please contact an Action Group Leader. If you have any outreach questions, ideas, or would like to include an outreach service opportunity in the newsletter please contact John Mosovsky - Outreach Mission Team Convener at [vistafarm@ptd.net](mailto:vistafarm@ptd.net) OR Pastor Tami at [prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org)

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